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**REQUEST
FOR
Continued Examination (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

<i>671</i>	<i>09/761,963</i>
<i>Filing Date</i>	<i>September 27, 2000</i>
<i>First Named Inventor</i>	<i>Lu</i>
<i>Group Art Unit</i>	<i>1712</i>
<i>Examiner Name</i>	<i>R.E. Sellers</i>
<i>Attorney Document Number</i>	<i>GTRC40</i>

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (August 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000) which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the amendments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other _____ Petition for a one month extension

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 20-1507
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) 01/15/2003 AWONDAF1 00000008 09761963
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:1801 750.00 DR
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Check in the amount of \$ 860.00 enclosed
- c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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Name (Print/Type)	Michael S. Kerns	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	51,233
Signature	<i>[Signature]</i>	Date	January 13, 2003

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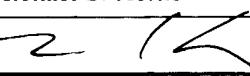
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Effective 01/01/03, patent fees are subject to annual revision

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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